

**CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2008**

Council President Simms called the Public Session to order at 7:15 p.m.

Present: Councilmember Johnie Higgs, Sr, Councilmember John Morris, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Brian K. Shivers, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin (7:20pm)

Absent: Councilmember Charl Jones

Staff: Robert Ashton, Treasurer; Darlinda Sanders, Special Assistant, Economic & Community Development/Nuisance & Abatement; Matthew Rush, Code Enforcement; Elliot Taylor, Chief of Police; Dashaun Lanham, Acting City Clerk; Sandra Yates, City Administrator

The invocation was given by Councilmember Higgs

Agenda – It was moved by Councilmember Higgs and second by Councilmember Porter to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Approval of February, March, April and May 2008 Meeting Minutes-It was motioned by Councilmember Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Porter to approve the meeting minutes. The motion carried and the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS

None

REPORTS

City Administrator's and Department Reports

Sandra Yates reported that we hired Phillip Scott as our CDL driver who will start on Tuesday, June 10, 2008. City Administrator and Department Reports were given at the meeting. (See attached)

LEGISLATION

Ordinance 08-08 Extend the FY2007-2008 Adopted Budget by Thirty Days. It was moved by Councilmember Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Porter to approve O-08-08. The motion carried unanimously.

For: Higgs, Morris, Porter, Shivers, Simms, Yeargin

Against: None

Abstain: None

CITIZEN COMMENT

Amanda Feggans, Seat Pleasant, MD. Ms. Feggans requested that Drylog and 69th be resurfaced and curbs to be painted yellow labeled with no parking in that block.

Arthur Murray, Seat Pleasant, MD. Mr. Murray would like to disrepair vehicles removed from Goodwin Park and stored at an impound lot. Thanks to the Mayor and City Council for letters of recommendations for his daughter Ashley Murray to be selected for the Junior Honor Society. She was accepted in the program.

Joseph Wheeler, Jr., Seat Pleasant, MD. Mr. Wheeler requested to speak with Councilmember Yeargin.

Jacqui Battle, Seat Pleasant, MD. Ms. Battle says we have some new faces and wanted them to be familiar with the neighbors, what ward they live in and who their ward representatives. Left a home where there was a loss in the family. Neighbors do not communicate and concerned if people will come out and vote on September 8th. Seat Pleasant should be more of a family.

Ashley Murray, Seat Pleasant, MD. Ashley is a concerned youth in Seat Pleasant who noticed the decrease in youth activities, which lead to poor decisions. She has a few suggestions for locations of program:

1. Hold programs @ police station for safety
2. Donations from Businesses/citizens of supplies.
- 3 Recruit volunteers
4. Older children can assist younger children join boys & girls programs
5. Movie Nights
6. Younger children can gain community service hours
7. Mentoring

Janice Fisher, Seat Pleasant, MD. The Seat Pleasant Dollars for Scholars has scholarship applications for three graduates from a High School for \$1,000 per student. The June 1, 2008 trip to New York City was a success, not as many participants. Would like to use the Council Chamber on July 12, 2008 from 12:00-1:00pm or another date, if available? The council moved to approve the use of the Council Chambers by Dollars for Scholars unanimously.

Annie Brooks, Seat Pleasant, MD. Ms. Brooks has a problem with neighbor sump pump, which is causing water on her property.

Dawann Smith, Seat Pleasant, MD. Mr. Smith requested to speak with Councilmember Yeargin.

Eugene Kennedy, Seat Pleasant, MD. Mr. Kennedy stated the signal lights at Central Avenue and Addison Road are not working properly. When you have the signal to turn left from Addison to Central. The cars coming up Central Avenue signal is green. This can cause a major accident. Seat Pleasant Police Department, salaries are not comparable with other municipalities. Do we need to raise salaries, so we will not continue to lose our officers? How long are the officers to stay on board with Seat Pleasant? We use to have an active recreation council, which was disbanded.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Reserve Officer Program, City Council had approved the program with Ordinance O-07-04 Seat Pleasant Police Department-Reserve Officer Program, which produced Resolution R-08-01 Amendment of Personnel Rules and Ordinance O-08-04 Seat Pleasant Police Department Probationary Period & Secondary Employment. It was moved by Councilmember Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Porter to approve the motion. The motion carried.

For: Higgs, Morris, Porter, Simms, Yeargin

Against: Shivers

Abstain: None

NEW BUSINESS

City of Seat Pleasant Marquee- Council voted for the lowest proposal for the marquee to be installed.

For: Higgs, Morris, Porter, Simms, Yeargin

Abstain: Shivers

Against: None

City Hall Door Replacements to Council Chambers and Rear exterior door. Council voted on the lowest proposal for the replacement of the doors to be ADA compliance with panic bars. The vote was unanimously.

For: Higgs, Morris, Porter, Shivers, Simms and Yeargin

Abstain: None

Against: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, June 10, 2008 Public Hearing on Adopted Transit District Development at the County Administration Building, Council Hearing Room, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, MD at 7:00pm


Thursday, June 12, 2008 Constant Yield Hearing at City Hall in Council Chambers at 6:00pm

Honor Councilmember Evelyn L. Chase who served on the council for eight years. Councilmember Yeargin read poem tribute written by him for Councilmember Evelyn L. Chase.

Reverend Robert King, wake will be on Friday, June 13, 2008 from 6:00-9:00pm and Funeral Saturday, June 14, 2008 from 11:00am at Evergreen Baptist Church.

ADJOURN-It was motioned by Councilmember Yeargin to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:59p.m.

Submitted,


Dashaun Lanham
Acting City Clerk